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Honorable George Bush
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear George:

I am responding to your letters of May 25, June 2, and July 22, 1976, requesting, respectively, (1) an increase in your Executive Pay position ceiling and a modification in your Executive Pay position structure and (2) legislative clearance to create a statutory Executive Level III position of Deputy Director of Central Intelligence for the Intelligence Community, and (3) a separate and increased allowance for IC Staff supergrade positions.

There is no objection to the proposed legislation for a second deputy. Minor modifications have been worked out with your staff.

With regard to your request for executive level positions,

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These approvals are subject to a number of conditions. First, I understand that appropriations for 1977 are inadequate to cover your proposed manning and position structure. Insofar as a supplemental appropriation is required, these decisions are contingent upon its approval. Second, the IC Staff size and composition, like those of all agencies, will be examined in the course of the 1978 budget review, and any levels or positions approved now are subject to change during that review. Third, I understand that, as a general rule, the supergrade positions will not be filled by detailees. That is,

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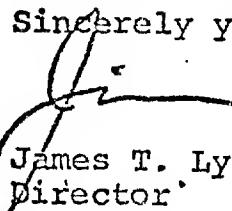
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the positions will be allocated to the IC Staff, and the funds will be included in the IC Staff budget. Fourth, I understand that the IC Staff will be conducting a detailed review of the supergrade and executive level positions throughout the Intelligence Community to be completed by June 1977. I would hope that this review will result in reductions in the Community as a whole - and certainly in sufficient reductions to offset the increases I am approving for the IC Staff.

Finally, I want to assure you of my continuing support for the successful accomplishment of the mission assigned to the IC Staff and the Committee on Foreign Intelligence.

Sincerely yours,


James T. Lynn
Director

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